treatment to prisoners, their humane treatment and in dealing with matters relating to deaths in police and judicial custody.

(d) The Central Government have impressed upon the states regularly drawing their attention to the recommendations made by various expert committees including those of the NHRC for improving the conditions of jails. Besides providing financial assistance for modernization of prison administration, the Central Government has also circulated a draft Model Prison Manual among the States, which takes into account the concerns of the NHRC.

Crimes in South Delhi

328. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increase in crime rate in South Delhi during the last six months;

(b) if so, how many cases of murder, dacoity, rape, extortion, encroachment on land etc. have been reported in various police stations in South Delhi during the last six months;

(c) whether some erring police officials have been transferred for dereliction of duty and other offences; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof, and the steps being taken to improve the law and order situation in South Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Role of ordinar people in country's security

329. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister had advocated a greater role for ordinary people in dealing with the country's security speaking at the 12th Civil Defence and Home Guards Conference on 20th March;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government wanted to amend the Civil Defence Act to extend the remit of Civil Defence and Home Guards to Disaster Managements;

(c) if so, how does the Government intends to involve ordinary people in matters of country's security;

(d) whether there is any plan to introduce compulsory military training in college and universities on lines of NCC; and

(e) if so, the details of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is exploring ways and means for utilizing the Civil Defence set-up for assisting the States in the event of disasters.

(c) The Government intends to launch an ambitious programme for enrolling Civil Defence volunteers from all walks of life and provide them requisite training.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Crimes against women

†330. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes against women are increasing in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that women are insulted in order to hide such crimes and even their report is not registered; and

(d) if so, the steps Government are taking to streamline internal security system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) The incidents of crimes committed

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